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**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 31, 2007**

PRESENT: HELEEN KURK, CHAIRMAN; JOSEPH M. FIALA, VICE CHAIRMAN; CRAIG SLATTUM, SELECTMAN AND DONNA OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN; TOM CLOW, SELECTMAN

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Fred Ventresco

RECORDING SECRETARY: Craig Slattum

GUESTS: Laura Buono, Carl Knapp, Frank Campana and Richard Butt

6:07 p.m. Chairman Kurk called the meeting to order.

Chairman Kurk said the Selectmen will be addressing who will be addressing each Warrant Article at Saturday's Deliberative Session. Moderator, Laura Buono said she will be requiring that a citizen make a motion to restrict consideration after each article. Selectman Osborne said she would address Article 24. A discussion was made as to the tax impact of this article and if the \$10,000 should show an impact in the General Revenue Line or in Article 24. It would have a .01 impact. It would be explained Saturday should it come up.

Chairman Kurk went down the list of Articles and who would speak to them with a backup.

Article 12 – Chairman Kurk

Article 13 – Thomas Clow, backup Paul Morin

Article 14 – Chief Richards, backup Craig Slattum

Article 15 – Carl Knapp, Joe Fiala

Article 16 – Christine Hague, backup Ray Kelley

Article 17 – Carl Knapp, backup Chairman Kurk

Article 18 – Carl Knapp, no backup

Article 19 – Joe Fiala, no backup

Article 20 – Paul Morin, backup Thomas Clow

Article 21 – Chairman Kurk, no backup

Article 22 – Chief Begin, no backup

Article 23 – Chief Richards, no backup

Article 24 – Donna Osborne, backup Will Ottery

Article 25 – Donald Burke, no backup

Article 26 – Steve Najjar, backup Andy Fulton

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Article 28 – Donna Osborne, no backup

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Article 29 – Thomas Clow, no backup
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Article 31 – Chief Begin, backup Craig Slattum
Article 32 – Chief Begin, backup Craig Slattum
Article 33 – Andy Fulton, backup Steve Najjar
Article 34 – Andy Fulton, backup Steve Najjar
Article 35 – Andy Fulton, backup Steve Najjar
Article 36 – Joe Fiala, no backup
Article 37 – Terry Knowles, no backup
Article 38 – Steve Najjar, backup Andy Fulton
Article 39 – Jodi Naughton, no backup
Article 40 – Donna Matheson, backup Chief Begin

Fred Ventresco will get a hold of all the Dept. Heads, Committee Chairmen, and Citizens that are going to speak to their respective article except for petition articles.

Chairman Kurk asked if the meeting was going to be aired live and recorded. The Board of Selectmen would like to see the meeting re-televised for the exposure. Fred was going to contact Will Ottery to find out.

There will be a power point presentation with bullet points for the Operating Budget, Default Budget, Re-evaluations, Highway Dept., Police Dept. and Fire Dept. The CIP and amount to be taken out of Capital Reserves would also be on the presentation. It is important to show that the CIP is a plan of spending for the future. Cal Knapp said he put a date on each truck when it should be replaced. Chairman Kurk said she is concerned about spending down the Capital Reserves. Selectman Clow said he will speak to the CIP.

Chairman Kurk asked to have Tina Pelletier sit at the table in front so as to be able to answer any detailed questions.

Selectman Clow asked the BOS to make sure that the Tax Impact/Rate Comparison-2007 was accurate. He then explained how he came up with his figures factoring War Credits and Overlay and coming up with an 8% increase over 2006. If you factor out the Ferrante Property and the two additional officers then the budget is up 2.9%. This information will go in the presentation.

The mailer needs to be put together and sent out to the public the week of March 5. Selectman Joe Fiala and Chairman Kurk will put a rough draft for the mailer together and get it to the printer for Feb 16 and Carl Knapp will include information on recycling.

Selectman Clow asked who was going to address the Zoning Articles? Naomi Bolton will be asked to address them for the mailer.

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Fred Ventresco presented a rough draft of the Town Report. It was decided we would review it and discuss February 5th. The Board of Selectmen will also meet February 16th. The Board of Selectmen will meet at 8:30, February 3, 2007 at CWES for the Deliberative Session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

A. Craig Slattum, Selectman